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TOWNSHIP'S NOTE REFUSED.

THE BANK'S COUNSEL THINKS ITS ISSUE IS ILLEGAL.

Another Complication Through Bloomfield's Joining in the Construction of the Outlet Sewer—Chancellor Runyon to Give a Decision in the Matter.

A stir in local financial circles was created during the week by the declaration of the Bloomfield National Bank to discount a township note to the amount of \$10,809.18 made by the Township Committee to pay a bill presented by the city of Orange for this town's share in the expense of constructing the union outlet sewer. The note in question is one of a series that has been made by the town for the same purpose, two of which, amounting to about \$12,000, were discounted by the bank. The notes were issued after advising with the Town Council.

The note in question was submitted to the bank directors at their meeting on Friday afternoon of last week. The counsel of the bank advised against discounting it. The objection raised, it is said, involves the right of the Township Committee to make such notes. Other points are alleged to have also been discussed having an important bearing on the contract entered into by the Township Committee of 1891 with the city of Orange, and against the ratification of which Committeemen Halfpenny and Cockfair voted an emphatic nay.

The bank directors have submitted the matter to Chancellor Runyon for an opinion. If that eminent authority decides that the Committee have exceeded their powers in the matter and the town declines to assume the responsibility of an illegal act, it is said the bank can recover from the members of the Committee individually.

These notes, which will probably be issued to an indefinite amount, are given in anticipation of the issuing of sewer bonds. Money realized from the sale of the bonds will be applied to taking up the notes. Several prominent citizens say it appears rather singular that the question of the validity of the notes should be raised at such a late day, and when the Committee is so entangled in a contract involving the expenditure of thousands of dollars without any other means of meeting its obligations.

An opinion prevails among many people that the township was hastily and indiscreetly committed to a disadvantageous agreement with Orange in the sewer matter, and subsequent developments have not caused them to alter this opinion.

One prominent taxpayer said to a reporter of THE CITIZEN: "The need for sewerage was not so pressing that it was a matter of vital necessity to grasp at the first straw that showed itself on the surface. All that is secured by the contract with Orange is simply an outlet. This town is in a better position to get that for itself than Orange was."

If Chancellor Runyon's opinion sustains the position taken by the counsel for the bank, the Legislature will have to be applied to for relief from the embarrassing position in which the town will be placed. An opinion that will affect this town in the matter will also affect Montclair.

MISS RUSSELL'S RECITALS.

Third Entertainment of the Popular Star Course.

The next entertainment of the Star Course is to be given Wednesday evening, December 14, and will consist of humorous and dramatic recitals by Miss Russell, assisted by a local orchestra under the direction of Mr. C. N. Parker, the choir-master of Christ Church. Miss Russell gave several recitals in Bloomfield about a year ago for the Royal Arcanum Council and delighted the large audience present at that time. Indeed it was at the special request of several members of the Council that another engagement was made with this gifted young lady for an appearance in the Star Course.

Her selections as announced appear very attractive, and we think all are new to Bloomfield audiences. Miss Russell's recitals will be varied by four or five orchestral selections of a popular character, and possibly one or two other attractive features may be added by the committee. Certainly the patrons of the Star Course have received good value for their money thus far, as the opening concert entertainment delighted every one, as did also the lecture on "Patriotism in Times of Peace" by President Merrill E. Gates, which was given last Tuesday evening. From the talent announced for the remaining three evenings THE CITIZEN predicts equal pleasure and profit to all who may be able to attend.

Carpet sweepers at S. Peloubet's. The leading Hardware and House-furnishing store.—Adv.

OUT-DOOR ATHLETICS.

A Movement on Foot to Organize a Base-Ball Club for Next Season.

Great interest was manifested in the base-ball games between local teams last season, and the general interest displayed in field sports by a large element of the people of the town was evidenced by the great numbers to go to Montclair, Roseville and East Orange to see the base-ball games there. This fact has led many to believe that a good base-ball club could be sustained in this town next year, and a movement is on foot to test the popular feeling in regard to the matter. A public meeting was to have been held in Dodd's Hall on Tuesday night, but owing to the storm and the great attraction at the Olympic in the bowling contest, the meeting was not held.

It is said to be the aim of those pushing the matter to organize an athletic club of sufficient financial strength to purchase a plot of ground somewhere convenient to the Centre to be used as an athletic field for base-ball, lawn tennis, and foot-ball in their season and tobogganing and skating in the winter, after the manner the field of the Montclair Athletic Club is now used. If the projectors of the athletic club only succeed as far in their scheme as to secure a good base-ball field they will have accomplished a good thing. A suitable base-ball ground is needed. The Glen Ridge ground is too far off and the Watsessing ground, which was a poor one at the best, is now being used as a factory site. A grand stand, a bleacher and a couple of policemen are necessary to a well regulated ball field and are badly needed here. It is to be hoped that the promoters of the athletic club will meet with success in carrying out their desires.

Bowling at the Olympic.

At the Olympic alleys on Tuesday night the three final games between the Bloomfield Cyclers and the West End teams were bowled, resulting in the defeat of the latter team. The Cyclers won all three games. The series consisted of five games, two of which had already been won by the West End team. The result on Tuesday night was a surprise to everybody. It was confidently believed that owing to the excellent form shown by the West Ends in the previous games they would certainly win at least one of the remaining three. It was an "off night" for them, however, and the Cyclers, aided by their able and enthusiastic "rooters," rolled up large scores and won the series. A feature of these games has been the interest manifested by the ladies, and their applause during the last three games contributed in no small degree to the success of the victorious team.

About one hundred and seventy-five enthusiastic spectators witnessed the contest, and it was one of the best nights the Olympic has experienced since its opening. The series were as follows:

BLOOMFIELD CYCLERS.		
Davis.....	145	166
Lake.....	133	160
Parker.....	171	155
Dodd.....	139	115
Cositt.....	164	132
Totals.....	775	729

WEST END.		
F. Van Auker.....	168	148
Speer.....	148	132
Vogelius.....	105	96
Freeman.....	149	145
H. Van Auker.....	122	132
Totals.....	694	653

The nightly attendance at the Olympic is very good, and it is constantly growing in popularity. Six clubs now use the alleys, two of which are composed of ladies.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th, another interesting series of match games, five in number, will commence. The contestants will be the Cyclers' team, composed of the same players who defeated the West End Club, and their opponents will be the "Amateurs," a team consisting of W. B. Broughton, Frank G. Grover, A. A. Pearce, E. W. Gardner and Fred H. Chase.

The following are the best scores made at the Olympic during the past week: E. W. Gardner 211, T. C. Haskell 203, F. M. Cositt 202, H. S. Parker 201, F. G. Tower 193, H. C. Van Auker 192, C. H. Walker 182, S. Lewis 178, Mrs. F. C. Van Auker 200.

His Body Brought to Bloomfield.

C. W. Powers arrived home from Brazil, Iowa, on Tuesday, bringing with him the body of his brother-in-law, William Dougherty, who was injured so badly in the mines as to cause his death. Funeral services were held on Thursday. Interment was made in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Most Satisfactory.

The young woman who followed her mother's advice and purchased a "Standard" Sewing Machine wrote as follows: "I did as you advised me and am not disappointed; indeed, the machine is most satisfactory; I shall advise all my friends to get the 'Standard,' at the Domestic Art Rooms, Broad and West Park Streets, Newark.—Adv.

Cork soled shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

"THE ANTE-CHAMBER OF HELL"

THIS IS WHAT FATHER DOYLE CALLS THE DRUNKARD'S HOME.

The Very Successful Mission Work of the Paulist Fathers in Bloomfield—Crowds Fill the Church of the Sacred Heart During the Past Week.

The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart has been the scene of a profound religious awakening during the past week. Father Hedges and Hopper of the Paulist Fathers' Society have been conducting mission meetings there which have been productive of good results. Several meetings have been held daily and all have been well attended. Such has been the depth of interest aroused that the church has been filled at the meetings held as early as five o'clock in the morning. The attendance has not been confined to Catholics alone. Other denominations have been liberally represented in the audiences. The Paulist Fathers are zealous and untiring workers. Their efforts are aimed in the direction of the promotion of piety and morality.

On Thursday night Father Doyle of the Paulist Society delivered a stirring and eloquent sermon on the subject of total abstinence. The following are a few of the points touched on in the interesting discourse. Drunkenness, he said, had settled down on the land like a terrific plague, as deadly as the destroying angels' awful sweep over the land of Egypt in the days of Pharaoh. It strikes down in nearly every household of the land at least one member to destruction and death. Of all the evils that crush down humanity none are comparable to drunkenness in terrible effects. Seventy-five thousand people annually go down to drunkards' graves. It is astonishing that more has not been done by Catholic citizens to stamp out this plague. A mad dog in the community would soon be exterminated by alarmed citizens fearful of their own safety and that of their families. The plague of drunkenness is not like the mad dog endangering the lives of a few, but a great demon crushing down thousands.

A contagious disease threatens the community; all the energies of the people are aroused to check its dread course. What is the cholera compared to drunkenness, yet how little is done to check it. The physician testifies that drinking is ruinous to health, that alcohol is a poison, that temperance men possess greater powers of endurance than drinking men. He attacked the fallacy by which some people excuse drinking under the plea that it stimulates them to work. It was, he said, like plying the goad to a jaded horse. The human system was like a well-regulated family; a drunkard was an intrusion into such, and the introduction of alcohol into the system was giving entrance to an intruder into the family to destroy its peace and harmony. Intoxication in all its stages was a leper.

The family life was described as the best and highest that a man could attain to. It was the family that made the home, and society was made up of innumerable homes, like as the countless bricks made up a great structure. Homes were the bricks of society. Homes were to society as the sun to the heavens, its light and warmth and preservation. It is the demon of drunkenness that destroys these homes. The father and mother are ordained priests of the home when they take the vows of wedlock at the altar. The responsibility of rearing the children to live lives of virtue and sobriety is upon them. A mental picture was drawn of the home of the temperance man, and then the reverse picture of the home of the drunkard, which was termed the "Ante-Chamber of Hell." There is no other such place of woe, misery and wretchedness as the home of the drunkard, and there are thousands of them around us.

Man's soul was alluded to as the spark of God's intelligence. God made man a little lower than the angels, the drunkard makes himself lower than the brute.

In closing Father Doyle said that something must be done to put down the demon of drunkenness. We cannot sit by with our arms folded, for if we are not bound in justice we are bound in charity to do something in the interest of stricken humanity. We are bound by the spirit of self-sacrifice, God's own remedy, the principle enunciated by Christ. An earnest appeal was made to all present to become total abstainers from a high religious motive. Parents should think of the children growing up around them. It is not enough to come to the confessional. Total abstinence afforded an opportunity to do long penance for past sins. Let us enroll every member of this congregation under the white banner of total abstinence.

At the conclusion of the sermon pledge cards were passed around for the people to take home with them and sign. A coupon was attached to the cards which was also to be signed and returned so that a record could be kept of those who

had signed. It was left optional with the signer for how long a period he desired to take the pledge. The pledge read as follows: "For the love of God and the good of my soul I promise to abstain from intoxicating drinks." Then followed the name and the period of time for which the pledge was taken. The Paulist Fathers will conclude their labors here on Sunday evening.

Christ Church Guild House.

A Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles has been arranged by the energetic Ladies' Guild to take place Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings, December 7th and 8th. The ladies have been busily preparing for it for several months, and now confidently look forward to making it a great success. Coming just before the holiday season it will afford many ladies an excellent opportunity to do a little of their shopping at home, and in so doing, they will at the same time be helping to swell the new organ fund, to which we learn the net proceeds are to be applied. The committee in charge of the hall decorations are doing their utmost to have it attractive with festoons of pretty draperies, evergreens, and wreaths, etc.

THE CITIZEN is indebted to one of the ladies for the information concerning the arrangement of committees and tables, etc., which will be about as outlined below:

Society table (yellow) presided over by Mrs. Edwin A. White, Mrs. Samuel King, Mrs. Moore and Miss Sherman. Candy table (pink) will enlist the attention of Mrs. Newton Smith, Mrs. Reddall, the Misses Emily and Belle King and Miss Dayton. A specialty will be made of superior home-made candy, and a variety of Huyler's. The ladies in charge of this table promise no end of sweet things to all purchasers, and will arrange and sell the candy in fancy souvenir boxes, prettily painted by the ladies who preside.

Frame table (green) will be energetically looked after by Miss Ella Clark, Miss Kate Dalrymple and Miss Hobart.

Apron table (blue) will be in charge of Mrs. Wolven, Mrs. Bickler and Mrs. Marr.

Home-made pickles and preserves (white) under the directions of Miss Crawford and assistants.

The Toy booth (red) will be placed in the centre of the hall, and is expected to be one of the most attractive in its decorations, and will be presided over by Mrs. Harrison, assisted by Miss Harrison and Miss Helen Bliss.

Lemonade table (white) will no doubt give plenty of occupation to the Misses Hearty, who will have charge of it both evenings.

Among other attractive features may be mentioned a genuine Fishing Tank, which the children will no doubt appreciate, for they will be able to fish to their heart's content for the modest sum of 5 cents a fish, and will be certain of a good catch. Mrs. J. S. Vale and Miss Lizzie Cooke will be in charge.

Refreshments of salads, loaves, etc., will be served throughout the entire evening, and an excellent hot dinner will be served both evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock. Mrs. Geo. B. Smith, Mrs. W. Root, Miss Clark and Mrs. Lyon will superintend this most inviting department, having as aides the Misses Vale, Bailey, Fitzgerald, Spragg, Norman, Metz and Hearty. With so many varied attractions the fair can not but prove a great success, and will no doubt very materially increase the organ fund. It has already been ordered, and is to be used for the first time on Easter Sunday.

Revival at the Baptist Church.

The revival meetings held in the First Baptist Church during the week have been productive of good results. Stormy weather interfered somewhat with the attendance in the early part of the week, but during the latter part it was very good. The sermons by the Rev. C. Wolfkin of Jersey City on Tuesday and Thursday evenings were of much beauty and power, and the impressions made will be lasting. The meetings will be continued all next week, and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend. Rev. Theo. Helsing of Jersey City will assist the pastor on two or three evenings. On Sunday the services promise to be of unusual interest. A number of new members will receive the right hand of fellowship. The evening service will be evangelistic.

Death of Mrs. Wilcox.

Mrs. M. B. Wilcox, widow of the late C. C. Wilcox, died at her late home on Thomas Street last Sunday evening of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-one years. She leaves two sons and two daughters. Funeral services were held from her late residence on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in Rosedale Cemetery at Orange the following day.

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RAPID TRANSIT.

What a Great Public Convenience the Newark and Bloomfield Street Railroad Is.

The Bloomfield division of the Newark Traction Company's system of street railways is an antiquated ramshackle specimen of that mode of public conveyance. It is probably operated at a loss to the corporation, as it deserves to be. It appears to be operated with a view merely to preserving the company's charter. There is certainly no evidence to show that its owners seriously expect anything like a fair share of the larger travel between this town and the city of Newark. If they do they are evidently possessed of queer ideas of the needs of the class of people who travel daily between the two towns. They apparently assume that an item of three-quarters of an hour or an hour is no object to the daily traveller, especially if he is on his way to his home in this town. There seems to be no reason why the road cannot be operated at a profit and be a public convenience if the company was disposed to make an effort to entice public patronage. If it was operated on the same plan as the Orange Branch, business men could be carried to the corner of Broad and Market Streets in quicker time than they can get there by the steam railroad. With a good system of rapid transit the wilderness of country between the stables and Watsessing Avenue would be built up and a wonderful change for the better made. The Traction Company no doubt knows its own business best, and is probably better able to conduct it than others whose capital is not invested in it. The Bloomfield branch is nevertheless a travesty on street railroading and a disgrace both to Newark and this town. It is a backwoods affair, and not at all in harmony with the progressiveness that marks this section of the State. Several years ago the company petitioned for the privilege of erecting poles for an electric system along Bloomfield Avenue. It was then promised that a model street railway was to take the place of the present arrangement. The company no doubt intends to keep the promise then made. The public is desirous of seeing them "make a move."

NEW JERSEY'S FIREMEN.

Meeting of the Executive Committee in Bloomfield.

The Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association met in Bloomfield. General Bird W. Spencer, the President, was unable to be present, on account of a sprained ankle, and Vice-President Hulac presided.

The first matter considered was the statement of the State Board of Tax Revision, to the effect that in the township of Cinnaminson, Burlington County, there were 500 members of the Fire Department, the inference being that an unusual number of men connected themselves with fire departments in order to obtain tax exemption. Affidavits were produced to show there were only seventy-six firemen in Cinnaminson township. Chief Elwell, Counsel Cotter and Secretary Brown were appointed a committee to report the facts to the next State Convention.

A report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, which justified the action of the Executive Committee respecting the expenditures of the Jersey City Relief Association, was adopted.

The project of an international firemen's tournament during the World's Fair at Chicago was endorsed, and Chiefs Johnson of Bloomfield and Young of Atlantic City were appointed a committee to represent the New Jersey Firemen's Association.

A Double Wedding.

A double wedding took place at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, November 24. The contracting parties were Henry Chandler of this place to Hattie Langan of Brooklyn, and Ellison Clark of No. 39 New Street to Kate Moran of Montclair. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Nardello. After a short wedding tour both couples will reside in Bloomfield.

Death of Timothy Hallinan.

Timothy Hallinan of No. 378 Broad Street died last Sunday evening at ten o'clock, after an illness of ten days, aged fifty-six years. A widow and eight children, three sons and five daughters, survive him. Funeral services will be held this morning at nine o'clock from the Church of the Sacred Heart. Interment will be made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Y. M. C. A. Association.

The sixth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. Associations is now being held in Dover. The convention opened yesterday and will close to-morrow. Many interesting addresses are promised. The associations of this town and Montclair were represented. H. B. Sheldon, Jr., of this place is Chairman of the Second District Committee.

Cork soled shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING.

A COMPANY FROM NEWARK WOULD LIKE TO LIGHT BLOOMFIELD'S STREETS.

The Question of Lighting Will Probably be Agitated Early in the New Year.

The fact that the Montclair Gas and Water Company was regarded as a purely local corporation, established for the purpose of supplying this town and Montclair with gas, probably has had much to do with the postponement of the introduction of electric lights into this town. The Gas Company erected its plant here and furnished the town for many years with a very superior quality of gas. In the matter of public lighting the home company was regarded as having first claim on the town and entitled to an unusual degree of consideration. It is perhaps from such a motive that the company has been enabled to retain its hold on the town despite the competition of various electric-lighting companies for the street-lighting franchise.

But there has been a radical change in the aspect of affairs. If in the past a feeling of local pride in a home enterprise has actuated Township Committees in leaning towards the Gas Company, there is no longer any ground for the exercise of such sentiment. In becoming part and parcel of the Newark Gas-Light Company the Montclair Gas and Water Company has lost its distinctive home-enterprise features. The Newark Gas-Light Company is a gigantic concern of monopolistic tendencies. It controls the franchises for street lighting over a large area of Essex County. It does not give this town the advantageous terms that it gives to the city of Newark. The quality of gas furnished is said to be inferior to that formerly supplied from the works operated here.

Bloomfield and Montclair taken together furnish a good field for an electric-light company to operate in. Many people in both towns would like to see the electric light introduced. Stores, churches, and halls would no doubt be lighted with it at once. It will not be surprising if a local company is shortly organized. There are rumors afloat already that such work is in progress.

The Newark Electric Light and Power Company will undoubtedly make a vigorous fight for the franchise. This company is in a position to carry out what it contracts to do. When bids for street-lighting were called for last February the electric company were only a trifle higher than the Gas Company. The Gas Company's bid was \$14.35 per lamp to burn from early candlelight until midnight, and the electric company offered a 16-candle power incandescent lamp to burn during the same hours for \$14.50 per lamp. New bids were called for and the Gas Company was the only bidder at \$14 per lamp, and received the contract.

The fight was a close one and the Committee were on the verge of making a change. It is understood that an uncertainty as to the quality of incandescent lamps for street-lighting purposes was an important factor in preventing a change. A 16-candle power incandescent electric light is said to be inferior in light-giving qualities to the ordinary gas lamp. One hundred candle power are lights are admitted to be the light for street purposes. If they could be procured at about \$75 per light they would undoubtedly be used in this town.

The street-lighting question will in all probability be agitated again early in the new year, and a lively competition may be looked for.

Knights of Honor.

On Wednesday evening the rooms of Excelsior Lodge were filled to their full capacity by members of the order, the occasion being the visit of Grand Dictator Feytel of Plainfield and his staff of Grand Officers. Delegations were present from Onward Lodge of Elizabeth, Ingomar Lodge of Paterson, Valley of Belleville, Montclair, Arlington and Bloomfield Lodges, Wetumpka of Plainfield, and Alpha, Atlas, and Northern of Newark. Speeches were made by the Grand officers and others, and after music sandwiches and cigars were served.

No Duplicate in Paris.

Paris, said a gentleman a few days ago, is famous all over the world for the variety and nature of the enterprises by means of which its citizens gain a livelihood. I will venture to say, however, that there is one enterprise in New York that is peculiar to itself and has no duplicate in Paris. And what is that? asked the gentleman to whom he was speaking. Well, I will tell you, said the first speaker. There is a gentleman in New York who some years ago invented what is favorably known as the Coward Shoe. His name is James S. Coward, and his large double store is at 270 and 272 Greenwich Street, New York. Today he supplies every large city in the commercial world with his specialty.—Adv.

Boys' rubber boots \$1.50 at Shoenthal's.—Adv.